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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT



SPONSOR: Pinto DATE TYPED: 1/24/02 HB

SHORT TITLE: San Juan Emergency Management Services SB 162

ANALYST: Dunbar

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
	\$600.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From

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SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

SB 162 appropriates \$600.0 from the general fund to the New Mexico Office of Indian Affairs to provide emergency services in San Juan and McKinley counties.

Significant Issues

During winter months, Navajo families will sometimes be stranded and may not have access to running water or electricity. However, emergency services usually fall under the purview of agencies such as the Department of Public Safety, the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, or the Department of Military Affairs. Emergency funds, authorized by an executive order that declares a state of emergency, are utilized by these agencies when necessary. The bill is unclear as to exactly what type of emergency services will be provided under this appropriation. The services may include, but are not limited to, ambulance and emergency medical services, natural disaster services, search and rescue services, etc.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$600.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2003 shall revert to the general fund.

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